



*Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway
Development Opportunities Conference
August 26 - 28, 2008*

Room Guarantee/Cancellation Policy:

All reservations are accepted on a guaranteed basis only. An advance deposit of your first night room charge is required to confirm this reservation, or a credit card guarantee. **All reservations are subject to a 5 day cancellation policy.** Any reservation not cancelled within 5 days of arrival will be charged one night room and tax. Reservations received after **Saturday, July 26, 2008** at the group rate will be subject to availability. CHECK-IN TIME IS 4:00 P.M. CHECK-OUT TIME IS 11:00 A.M. Non-smoking rooms available upon request based on availability.

Room Rate
\$149.00 single/double occupancy.
Reservations received after 7/26/08
will be subject to space.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration Fee

The registration fee includes all conference sessions as well as the receptions and most all meals. Guest tickets for individual events will be available at the registration desk.

Registration Procedure

Send completed registration with payment or billing instructions to the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority at the address listed on the registration form. A telephone registration may be made by calling (662) 328-3286 or 1 (888) TENNTOM; FAX to (662) 328-0363 or email aзаiontz@tenntom.org.

Registration will be confirmed promptly upon receipt of the completed registration form.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be received no later than August 20th in order to receive a full refund. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED FOR CANCELLATIONS POSTMARKED OR CALLED IN AFTER THAT DATE.** Substitutions may be made at any time.

Hotel Accommodations

The Marriott Grand Hotel Resort has offered an attractive rate of \$149 sgl/dbl occupancy. To guarantee accommodations your room reservations must be made prior to July 26, 2008. After that date, the hotel will honor any request for rooms at the group rate, subject to availability. Hotel phone number is (800) 544-9933 or (251) 928-9201 and ask for the Tenn-Tom Waterway block of rooms **Code TMOTMOA**. You may log on to www.marriott.com and use this code.

Golf Tournament

The golf tournament will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2008. \$65.00 green & cart fee. For more information contact Bob Day (270) 442-9326.

Exhibits

Display areas for tabletop exhibits and printed materials will be made available upon request at no charge for registrants only as long as space is available. Please call the office if you need space (662) 328-3286



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Council membership is open to all who have an interest in the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and its impacted region. Applications are available at the registration desk or by contacting the:

**Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway
Development Council**

P. O. Drawer 671
Columbus, MS 39703
Phone: (662) 328-0812
FAX: (662) 328-0363
Email: ttw@tenntom.org
Website: www.tenntom.org

Badges

Name badges MUST be worn for admittance to all functions and they may not be shared.

Drink Tickets

As important as wearing your badge, is having your drink tickets available for the two dinner functions.

Casual attire is recommended for ALL FUNCTIONS

Honor Roll

We have two individuals who have never missed attending the development opportunities conference. They have attended every meeting since the first one in Mobile, Alabama in 1983.

Congratulations to:

Ron Coles George Crawford

***Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway
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&

Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway

***Development Council
Annual Meeting***

Schedule of Events

✦ Tuesday, August 26, 2008 ✦

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Chairman's Reception

Sponsored by:

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Waterway Development Council

Dinner on your own

◆ **Wednesday, August 27, 2008** ◆

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Open

8:30am

Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Council

Annual Meeting Convenes

Presiding: Mr. Steve Alley , Council Chairman & Director of Sales, Ingram Barge Company
Fort Mitchell, Kentucky

“Reports by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers:”

Colonel Byron Jorns, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile, Alabama

Mr. Wynne Fuller, Chief of Operations Division MDO, Mobile, Alabama

Mr. Rick Saucer, Tenn-Tom Operations Manager, Columbus, Mississippi

Mr. Thomas Cayce, Planning, Programs, Project, Management Division
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville, Tennessee

“Report by the U. S. Coast Guard:”

Captain Edwin Stanton, Commander, U. S. Coast Guard, Mobile, Alabama

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m.

Presiding: Mr. Tim Weston, Council Chairman & Manager of Field Operations
TVA Economic Development, Tupelo, Mississippi

“Lockage Fees and their Economic Impact”

Mr. Sandor Toth, Publisher (*invited*), River Transport News, Silver Springs, Maryland

A Modal Comparison of Domestic Freight Transportation Effects on the General Public

Mr. Jim Kruse, Director, Texas Transportation Institute, Houston, Texas

Mr. Jimmy Lyons, Director, Alabama State Port Authority, Mobile, Alabama

Meeting Concludes

11:30a.m. Council Membership meeting

Presiding: Steve Alley, Chairman

Treasurer's Report
Nominations Committee Report
President's Report

Adjourn at Noon

Lunch on your own

**Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway
Development Opportunities
Conference Convenes**

2:00 p.m. First Session

Welcome & Announcements

Mr. Mike Tagert, Administrator, Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority

Presiding: Mr. Joe Barker, Vice Chairman, Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway
Development Authority, Jackson, Tennessee

"Keynote Remarks"

Welcome to Alabama

Honorable Seth Hammett, Speaker of the House, State of Alabama

Honorable Travis Childers, United States Congress, First District, Mississippi

Brig. General Joseph Schroedel, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
South Atlantic Division, Atlanta, Georgia

Honorable Alan Nunnelee, Chairman, Appropriations Committee (MS)

3:30 p.m. **Break**

3:45 p.m. Second Session

Presiding: Mr. Mike Armour, State Director, Appalachian Regional Commission
Tupelo, Mississippi

Ms. Janet Kavinoky (**Invited**), Director of Transportation Infrastructure
U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Richard J. Peltz, Alternate Federal Co-Chairman
Appalachian Regional Commission, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Jimmy Allen, Tennessee Valley Authority, Nashville, Tennessee

7:00 p.m. Reception

7:45 p.m. Dinner

Presiding: Mr. Steve Alley, Chairman, Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Council
Ingram Barge Company, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky

Oral History Presentation

Mr. Don Waldon, Former Administrator, Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway
Development Authority, Fayette, Alabama

✦ **Thursday, August 28, 2008** ✦

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Third Session

Presiding: Mr. Quentin Wesley, Board Member, Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway
Development Authority, Morganfield, Kentucky

Mr. Frank Baragona, President (*invited*), CMA CGM (America) Inc., Norfolk, Virginia

Ms. Amy Larson, Executive Director, National Waterways Conference, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Mike Randle, Publisher, Southern Business & Development, Birmingham, Alabama

9:45 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. Fourth Session

Presiding: Mr. Ron Coles, P.E., Council Member & Vice President & Principal
Hanson Professional Services, Inc. Nashville, Tennessee

Mr. Patrick Donovan, Director, West Virginia Public Port Authority
West Virginia Department of Transportation, Charleston, West Virginia

Mr. Scott Hercik, Transportation Advisor, Appalachian Regional Commission
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Jim McCarville, Executive Director, Port of Pittsburg Commission
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Mr. Dana Robertson, Director of National Maritime Enhancement Institute
Rahall Appalachia Transportation Institute, Marshall University
Huntington, West Virginia

Mr. Tracy Drake, Chief Executive Officer, Columbiana County Port Authority
East Liverpool, Ohio

12:00 Noon Luncheon Buffet

1:30 p.m. **Twenty First Annual Tenn-Tom**
Golf Scramble Tournament
Quail Creek Golf Course
Fairhope, Alabama
Bob Day, Event Chairman
Paducah/McCracken County Riverport
Paducah, Kentucky

7:45 p.m. Reception & Dinner Buffet